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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device for extending an event time of a physical shock imparted on an electronic device, comprising:
a frame; and
a resiliently elastic material coupled to the frame, the resiliently elastic material being adapted for suspending an electronic device with respect to the frame,
wherein a portion of the frame is positioned along at least three sides of the electronic device,
wherein at least a portion of the resiliently elastic material is wrapped around an entire length of an outer periphery of the portion of the frame such that the resiliently elastic material encircles the outer periphery of the portion of the frame ~~located therealong~~.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein ~~the frame is rigid~~ the portion of the frame located along the at least three sides of the electronic device is a unitary structure.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein the frame is at least one of rigid and semi-rigid.

4. (ORIGINAL) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein the resiliently elastic material is a polymeric material.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein the resiliently elastic material is in the form of a sheet, wherein the resiliently elastic material forms a complete loop around the portion of the frame.

6. (ORIGINAL) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein the resiliently elastic material is in the form of a strap.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein the resiliently elastic material is in the form of a rib adapted to be coupled to an electronic device.

8. (ORIGINAL) A device as recited in claim 7, wherein the rib is in tension.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A device as recited in claim 1, further comprising layers of the resiliently elastic material adapted to sandwich an electronic device therebetween.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A device as recited in claim 9, further comprising at least one rib coupled to the frame and adapted for coupling to an electronic component for further restricting movement of the electronic component with respect to the frame.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein the resiliently elastic material is adapted for physical coupling to an electronic device.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein the device extends a shock event time imparted on an electronic device coupled

thereto by at least twice with respect to an identical shock imparted on an identical unprotected electronic device.

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein the device extends a shock event time imparted on an electronic device coupled thereto by at least four times with respect to an identical shock imparted on an identical unprotected electronic device.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein the device is designed for coupling to a hard disk drive.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electronic device in combination with a device for extending an event time of a physical shock imparted on the electronic device, comprising:

an electronic device;

a frame; and

an elastic material coupled to the frame, the elastic material being wrapped around at least a portion of the frame such that the elastic material ~~encircles~~ forms an effectively continuous single loop around an outer periphery of the frame located therealong and the electronic device, ~~wherein the electronic device is sandwiched between layers of the elastic material~~.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An electronic device in combination with a device for extending an event time of a physical shock imparted on the electronic device as recited in claim 15, wherein the elastic material is in the form of a sheet.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An electronic device in combination with a device for extending an event time of a physical shock imparted on the electronic device as recited in claim 15, wherein the elastic material is in the form of a strap.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDEED) An electronic device in combination with a device for extending an event time of a physical shock imparted on the electronic device as recited in claim 15, further comprising at least one rib coupled to the ~~housing~~ frame and the electronic ~~component~~ device for further restricting movement of the electronic ~~component~~ device with respect to the frame.

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An electronic device in combination with a device for extending an event time of a physical shock imparted on the electronic device as recited in claim 15, wherein the electronic device is fixedly coupled to the elastic material.

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An electronic device in combination with a device for extending an event time of a physical shock imparted on the electronic device as recited in claim 15, wherein the shock event time is extended by at least twice with respect to an identical shock imparted on an identical unprotected electronic device.

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An electronic device in combination with a device for extending an event time of a physical shock imparted on the electronic device as recited in claim 15, wherein the shock event time is extended by at least four times with respect to an identical shock imparted on an identical unprotected electronic device.

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An electronic device in combination with a device for extending an event time of a physical shock imparted on the electronic device as recited in claim 15, wherein the electronic device is a hard disk drive.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device for extending an event time of a physical shock imparted on an electronic device, comprising:
a frame; and
~~multiple~~ at least three resiliently elastic ribs coupled to the frame, the resiliently elastic ribs being coupled to an electronic device for suspending the electronic device with respect to the frame, the ribs being in tension, wherein the ribs do not encircle the electronic device.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device as recited in claim 23, wherein ~~the resiliently elastic material is a polymeric material~~ a first of the ribs is coupled to a first side of the electronic device, wherein a second of the ribs is coupled to a second side of the electronic device, wherein a third of the ribs is coupled to a third side of the electronic device.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A device as recited in claim 23, wherein the device extends a shock event time imparted on an electronic device coupled thereto by at least twice with respect to an identical shock imparted on an identical unprotected electronic device.

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A device as recited in claim 23, wherein the device extends a shock event time imparted on an electronic device coupled thereto by at least four times with respect to an identical shock imparted on an identical unprotected electronic device.

27. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A device as recited in claim 23, in combination with a hard disk drive.